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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to patent application S/N: 09/922,779. Claims 1-5 are pending in the Action now.

Drawings

The informal drawings are acceptable for consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Childs et al, US patent no. 5,623,545.

As per claim 1, Childs discloses a method for designing a hashing circuit with feature limitations very similar to the claimed invention. According to Childs, the design method includes steps:

Implementing a hash algorithm which can input the hash of an input message block using only combinatorial circuit and logic elements which perform the plurality of intermediate stage computation and logical operation of a hash algorithm (function) without the use of a clock (col. 7, lines 6-58, col. 8, lines 4-15, Figs. 7-9, cols. 9-11). Childs does not expressly disclose non-sequential structures as claimed.

Practitioner in the art at the time of the invention was made would have found Childs combinatorial logic of the circuit (701) for hashing function implies the claimed

limitation of non-sequential circuit above because combinatorial circuit does not require sequential operation, and the combinational circuit is a non-sequential circuit.

As per claim 2, Childs discloses generating the full hash of an N-block long message in no more than N-process cycles.

As per claims 3 and 4, Childs discloses message delay and propagation in terms of hash round (cols. 13 and 14). Childs also discloses hardware implementation for the hashing functions as claimed (Figs. 5-9).

As per claim 5, Childs discloses hashing circuit to implement any hash algorithm.

Conclusion

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. US patent no. 5,163,016, issued to Har'El et al, on Nov. 1992
 2. US patent no. 5,608,801, issued to Aiello et al, on Mar. 1997
 3. US patent no. 6,516,404 B1, issued to Arimilli et al, on Feb. 2003
 4. US patent no. 6,598,118 B1, issued to Arimilli et al, on July 2003.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Q. Phan whose telephone number is 703-305-3812. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jean Homere can be reached on 703-308-6647. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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